GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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MEETING OF CHIEF MINISTERS
RAMDAS ATHAWALE;VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the Chief Ministers were told to reduce the deficit, take tough decisions and to resolve gradual reduction of Central Sales tax during the meeting convened by him;

(b) if so, the number of States which have taken steps as suggested by the Centre;

(c) to what extent they have been able to reduce the deficit and brought the economy back; and

(d) the help and assistance Centre has agreed to provide to these States in implementing the decision?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATES IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) A Conference of Chief Ministers/Finance Ministers was convened bythe Union Finance Minister on 22.6.2000 to discuss issues related to domestic trade tax reforms and Value Added Tax. In respect of Central Sales Tax, it was decided that a meeting of all the Finance Secretaries of States and Union Territories will be held to discuss the report of NIPF&P on `Reform of inter-State Taxation in India`. Among other things, reference was also made to the need to reduce the deficit.

(b),(c) & (d): Does not arise as there was no decision regarding reduction in deficit or gradual reduction of Central Sales Tax.